are used for impedance matching so that the RFID tag **8008** is efficiently coupled to the loop antenna **8001** such as in the circuit **8000** of FIG. **94**.

[0662] FIG. **96** shows another circuit **8016** for storing data within an RFID tag **8022** associated with an infusion pump (e.g., the syringe pump **500** of FIG. **29**, the syringe pump **50200** of FIG. **86**, or any other syringe pump) in accordance with an embodiment of the present disclosure. The antenna **8017** is shown. The RFID tag **8022** of FIG. **96** may be the RFID tag **3670** of FIG. **95**E. The antenna **8017** of FIG. **96** may be the antenna **3955** of FIG. **59**E.

[0663] The antenna **8017** may have capacitors coupled to the gaps in the antenna **8017**, in some embodiments. An impedance matching network **8018**, **8020**, **8021** may be used to efficiently couple the RFID tag **8022** to the antenna **8017**. An interface **8023** may be used to communicate with the RFID tag **8022** (e.g., an I2C interface, a CAN interface, etc.). FIG. **97** shows a split-ring resonator **8026** used with the circuit **8016** of FIG. **96** in accordance with an embodiment of the present disclosure. The split-ring resonator **8026** may be printed on a PCB board with an inner loop **8025** and an outer loop **8024**. The splint-ring resonator **8026** may be placed adjacent to the circuit **8016** of FIG. **96** to enhance its read range (e.g., the two planes defined by the two circuit's PCB boards may be parallel to each other).

[0664] FIG. **98** shows a flow chart diagram illustrating a method **9000** for removing the effects of slack in a syringe pump (e.g., the syringe pump **500** of FIG. **29**, the syringe pump **50200** of FIG. **86**, or any other syringe pump) having a syringe loaded on the syringe pump in accordance with an embodiment of the present disclosure. The Method **9000** includes acts **9001**-**9010** including two decision acts **9006** and **9009**.

[0665] Act **9001** receives a target flow rate of a syringe loaded in a syringe pump. The syringe has a barrel and a plunger disposed within the barrel. Act **9002** determines a therapy actuation speed corresponding to the target flow rate when there is no slack in the syringe pump or the syringe. Act **9003** actuates the plunger of the syringe out of the barrel at a first predetermined speed until a force sensor coupled to the plunger measures a force that is less than a first predetermined force threshold or the plunger travels out of the barrel by a first predetermined distance. Act **9004** actuates the plunger of the syringe into the barrel at a second predetermined speed greater than the therapy actuation speed until the force sensor coupled to the plunger measures a force that exceeds a second predetermined threshold or the plunger travels into the barrel by a second predetermined distance. Act **9005** issues an alarm if the plunger traveled into the barrel by the second predetermined distance without the force sensor measuring a force that exceeds the second predetermined threshold. If an alarm is issued in act **9005**, act **9006** branches the method **9000** to end the therapy **9010**. Act **9007** actuates the plunger of the syringe into the barrel at the therapy actuation speed. Act **9008** estimates volume discharged starting from the position of the plunger when the second predetermined threshold was exceeded. Act **9009** will repeat act **9008** until the target volume is discharged, after which case, act **9009** will end the therapy **9010**.

[0666] Various alternatives and modifications can be devised by those skilled in the art without departing from the disclosure. Accordingly, the present disclosure is intended to embrace all such alternatives, modifications and variances. Additionally, while several embodiments of the present disclosure have been shown in the drawings and/or discussed herein, it is not intended that the disclosure be limited thereto, as it is intended that the disclosure be as broad in scope as the art will allow and that the specification be read likewise. Therefore, the above description should not be construed as limiting, but merely as exemplifications of particular embodiments. And, those skilled in the art will envision other modifications within the scope and spirit of the claims appended hereto. Other elements, steps, methods and techniques that are insubstantially different from those described above and/or in the appended claims are also intended to be within the scope of the disclosure.

[0667] The embodiments shown in the drawings are presented only to demonstrate certain examples of the disclosure. And, the drawings described are only illustrative and are non-limiting. In the drawings, for illustrative purposes, the size of some of the elements may be exaggerated and not drawn to a particular scale. Additionally, elements shown within the drawings that have the same numbers may be identical elements or may be similar elements, depending on the context.

[0668] Where the term "comprising" is used in the present description and claims, it does not exclude other elements or steps. Where an indefinite or definite article is used when referring to a singular noun, e.g., "a," "an," or "the," this includes a plural of that noun unless something otherwise is specifically stated. Hence, the term "comprising" should not be interpreted as being restricted to the items listed thereafter; it does not exclude other elements or steps, and so the scope of the expression "a device comprising items A and B" should not be limited to devices consisting only of components A and B. This expression signifies that, with respect to the present disclosure, the only relevant components of the device are A and B.

[0669] Furthermore, the terms "first," "second," "third," and the like, whether used in the description or in the claims, are provided for distinguishing between similar elements and not necessarily for describing a sequential or chronological order. It is to be understood that the terms so used are interchangeable under appropriate circumstances (unless clearly disclosed otherwise) and that the embodiments of the disclosure described herein are capable of operation in other sequences and/or arrangements than are described or illustrated herein.

What is claimed is:

1. A syringe pump, comprising:

a motor operatively coupled to a lead screw and configured to rotate the lead screw, the motor having an integral motor rotation sensor configured to provide a motor rotation signal;

a rotary position sensor operatively coupled to at least one of the motor and the lead screw to provide a rotation signal;

a sliding block assembly configured to engage with the lead screw to actuate the sliding block assembly along the lead screw in accordance with rotation of the lead screw;

a linear position sensor operatively coupled to the sliding block assembly and configured to provide a linear position signal; and

at least one processor configured to control rotation of the motor, wherein the at least one processor operatively receives the motor rotation signal from the integral motor rotation sensor of the motor, the rotation signal